

THE CRUMB

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No. 1

Middlebury College and the Conference Staff welcome you to Bread Loaf Writers' Conference. This bulletin, The Crumb, is the official newspaper of the Conference. Each morning it will be left at your place in the Dining Hall. The Crumb contains notices of lectures, discussions, and other activities of the Conference.

Conference Announcements

Manuscripts Conference members will not (silent imperative) hand any manuscripts for reading directly to any Staff Member. Staff Members have been instructed (spoken imperative) not to accept any manuscripts except from the Director's Office. It would seem to follow, therefore (logic), that all manuscripts to be read by the Staff should be handed in to the Director's Office.

Memo Mr. and Mrs. Ciardi are sorry to announce that the physical limitations of the dining room facilities make it impossible to continue this year the traditional Director's Luncheon Table which has been so pleasant a feature of past Conferences. A series of informal coffee hours will be announced later.

Explanation of Lecture Schedule, Department of First Principles The term "fiction" as applied to the lecture schedule shall herein after be interpreted to mean (a) novel and (b) short story and (c) that area of concern the two shall be understood to have in common, and an understanding that such an area (c, above) does in fact exist shall be taken to be fundamental Bread Loaf doctrine.

-- The Director

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First Lecture

The First Lecture of the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference will be held at 8:00 PM this evening in the Little Theatre. Dr. Stephen A. Freeman, Vice President of Middlebury College and Director of the Language Schools, will say a few words of welcome. Mr. John Ciardi, Director of the Writers' Conference, will deliver the evening lecture; his title is "What a Writer Needs to Learn". A reception in the Barn will follow his lecture..

The Snack Bar

The Snack Bar is in the Barn, and will operate daily during the following hours:
8:30 - 11:00 AM; 1:15 - 5:30 PM; 6:30 - 8:00 PM; 9:00 - 11:30 PM

In addition to cigarettes, sandwiches, milk shakes, coffee, etc., full meals will be available for those who miss the Dining Room hours. For special meals or dinner parties, see Mr. Bailey or Miss Bailey.

Bread Loaf Store

The Store will be open after Dinner this evening until the evening program begins. Toilet articles will be available. For purposes of inventory, the books will not go on sale until Thursday morning when the regular schedule begins -- an hour after Breakfast and Luncheon each day. A list of the books available in the Store will be passed out with tomorrow morning's Crumb.

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Lectures and Discussions

- 9:00 Mr. Sloane: Fiction as Illusion
10:15 Mr. Ciardi: Poetry
11:30 Mr. Guthrie: What is a Scene?
2:30 Mr. Lancaster: The Material of Non-Fiction

Evening Lecture

Mr. Miller will lecture at 8:00 this evening.

All Lectures and Discussions are held in the Little Theatre

Bread Loaf's Library

The Wilfred Davison Library will be open for forty-five (45) minutes after Breakfast and Luncheon, and in the evening from 9:00 to 10:00.

The Parking Problem

Please note that the State Police enforce a highway law which prohibits parking on the road in front of the Inn and Cottages. Guests are reminded of the two areas provided for parking. The parking lot is in front of the Barn and cars may be placed beyond Maple Cottage on the east side of the highway.

Taxi Service

Bread Loaf's regular taxi service to Middlebury leaves from the Inn at 1:45 PM and returns at 3:45 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The round-trip fare is \$1.00 per person on these regular trips. Reservations should be made with the Main Desk.

Lost and Found

Articles are returned to and claimed from the Main Desk.

Newspapers

Guests who wish to receive daily and/or Sunday papers should indicate their order on the list placed on the Dining Room Bulletin board.

Dining Room Hours

Your attention is called to the hours established by the Dining Room for meals. The door is locked -- promptly -- at the designated closing time.

Daily, including Sunday:

- Breakfast: 8:00 to 8:30
Luncheon: 1:00 to 1:15
Dinner: 6:00 to 6:15

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Friday
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No. 3

LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS

9:00 Mr. Raney: Editing Non-Fiction
10:15 Miss Walker: Characterization
11:30 Miss Adams: Poetry
2:30 Mr. Sloane: Structure

EVENING LECTURE

8:00 Mr. Lancaster will be the speaker this evening. His
topic: Fact versus Legend in Research.

CASHING CHECKS

Travelers' Checks may be cashed through August 29th. Closing date
for all other checks is August 20th, except for banks in Boston and New
York City, for which checks may be cashed through August 25th.

COFFEE HOURS

Informal coffee hours will be held by invitation on Tuesday, the 21st,
Thursday, the 23rd, and Monday, the 27th, from four until five in the Barn.
Object: to meet the Staff. Problem: not everyone can come at once.
Urgent request: please (apologies) do not come to the Barn during those
hours unless you have received an invitation. (More apologies.)

A BLOW FOR FREEDOM

Any true soul to independence born, by nature sustained, and by such
character moved to rebel against the tyranny of coat-and-tie regulations
in the dining room will be MYSTERIOUSLY upheld by the spirit of man ITSELF,
which same force will thus operate while imputing no ill to others more
sedulously bedecked of their FREE CHOICE.

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Saturday
August 18, 1956

No. 4

LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS

9:00 Mr. Lancaster: Creative Imagination in Non-Fiction

10:15 Mr. Miller: What is the Truth in Fiction?

11:30 Mr. Roney: Dialogue

2:30 Mr. Ciardi: Poetry: Structure

EVENING LECTURE

8:00 Mr. Robert Frost

BUCOLIC NOTE

Weather favoring the enterprise, Saturday dinner (6:15) will be served picnic-style on the Croquet Court. All patrons are forewarned that no refund can be made for meals lost in the act of tripping over the wickets, which should in any case be neatly replaced.

JUVENILES

Mr. Sloane and (perhaps) other members of the Staff will meet with any Conference Members interested in Juvenile Writing. Sunday, 4:00 P.M. Blue Parlor. Brief intro, Q. & A., free-for-all.

IN THE BOOKSTORE

Maple Syrup, a true product of Vermont, is on sale in Quart, two-quart, and gallon sizes. We can package these for mailing.

Original wood-cuts and engravings of Vermont and the South by Mrs. Donald Davidson are available. See titles and price list on the Bookstore Bulletin Board.

The Bookstore is also equipped to package new books for mailing.

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Monday
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No. 5

LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS

- 9:00 Miss Adams: Poetry
10:15 Mr. Van Atta: Non-Fiction that Readers Want
11:30 Mr. Lancaster: Fiction the Writer Reads
2:30 Mrs. Bowen: Biography Must Have a Plot

EVENING LECTURE

- 8:00 Miss Walker: The Three Tenses of Writing

PADLOCK NOTICE

No further manuscripts can be accepted ~~from many contributors~~.

AGAIN CHECK CASHING

Conference Members are reminded that personal checks will be cashed through the Main Desk only until this noon, except in the case of checks drawn on New York City or Boston banks, which will be honored through August 25th. Travelers' Checks will be cashed until August 29th. The same deadlines are observed by the Bookstore.

ROBERT FROST BOOKS

Complete Poems (1949) at \$4.50, and The Road Not Taken at \$3.50 are both available in the Bookstore. Mr. Frost will autograph copies of these volumes through the Bookstore. They must, however, be purchased before 2:30 P. M. on Tuesday. The books will remain on sale after that, but it will not be possible to have him sign them.

MAGAZINE DISPLAY

A large collection of magazines of all kinds is on display in the Barn. As this has been arranged for the pleasure of the whole Conference, members are asked not to remove copies from the Barn Chamber.

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Tuesday
August 21, 1956

No. 6

LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS

- 9:00 Mr. Guthrie: Wrong Writing
10:15 Mr. Ciardi: Some Aspects of Some Things
11:30 Mr. Miller: A Novel Is of Its Times
2:30 Mr. Steele: What Is a Short Story Opportunity?

EVENING LECTURE

- 8:00 Miss Adams will read from her poems this evening.

PLEASE PRESENT YOURSELF IF--

You are reminded that the first coffee hour will be held in the Barn this afternoon from four until five o'clock. During that time the Barn will be open only to those who have been invited for this afternoon.

THE ROAD NOT TAKEN

Today is your last opportunity to purchase a volume of Frost poetry and have it autographed by Mr. Frost through the Bookstore. The Store is open from 8:30 to 9:30 and from 1:30 to 2:30.

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Wednesday
August 22, 1956

No. 7

LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS

9:00 Miss Boyle: The Short Story
10:15 Miss Walker: The Novel: Setting
11:30 Mr. Sloane: What Readers Want
2:30 Mr. Frost

EVENING LECTURE

8:00 Mr. Barnett

SAY CHEESE

Members of the staff will hold relatively still both for a professional photographer and such amateurs as may have a reasonable facsimile of a camera immediately after lunch today. We ain't sure just where. Somewhere on the side lawn of the Inn.

PERSONAL NOTICE AFTER 9:30 P. M.

Mamma don't 'lloow no trumpet playing here. The Snow Bowl, an inviting natural conformation in the heart of the local ranges, is located a mile and a half to the East of the Bread Loaf Campus and can be reached by car or afoot.

ANTE UP, PLEASE

Newspapers may be paid for today or tomorrow at the Front Desk.

YOU ROSES OF SAN ANTONE

Plus what cacti you may be able to gather--We shall foot it to the fiddle in an old-fashioned square dance at the Barn from 9 p. m. to midnight tomorrow night. Coffee, doughnuts, and such at a price. Y'all come!

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Thursday
August 23, 1956

No. 8

CLINICS

9:00	Non-Fiction
10:15	Poetry
11:30	Novel
2:30	Short Story

EVENING LECTURE

8:00 Mrs. Bowen

4-5 THURSDAY--TODAY THAT IS

Remember, you people who have been invited to meet with the staff for coffee in the Barn today, the hour is from four to five p. m.

DANCE 9-12 TONIGHT

Come and clap if you can't clog-- It's the square dance we're talking about. Nine to midnight in the Barn tonight.

CHECKS!

Friday is the last day that checks can be cashed on Boston and New York City banks. Checks must be turned in to the Front Desk BY NOON. After that time, only Traveler's Checks can be cashed.

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Friday
August 24, 1956

No. 9

CLINICS

9:00 Poetry
10:15 Non-Fiction
11:30 Short Story
2:30 Novel

EVENING LECTURE

8:00 Miss Boyle

HUSH!

If you happen to arrive late for a lecture or clinic,
please come in a rear door, making as little noise as possible.
Better idea--be on time!

ANTI-NOISE ORDINANCE

On petition of the residents of Maple, of Ripton Township
to the West, and of Hancock Township to the East, playing on,
possession of, or the attempt to play on, possess, or incite
others to play on or possess a Recorder shall henceforth be
considered to be Felonious.

Saturday
August 25, 1956

No. 10

9:00	Short Story
10:15	Novel
11:30	Poetry
2:30	Non-Fiction

8:00 Mr. Miller: HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR THIS YEAR'S
BROOKS BROTHERS BIKINI?

The librarian wishes to remind Conference members that all books must be returned to the library by Monday, the 27th. Library hours are 45 minutes after breakfast and lunch, 9 to 10 in the evening.

The signed Frost books will be available to their owners after lunch today during the regular Bookstore hours.

Mrs..Davidson's prints will be on sale for the last time during the Bookstore hour after breakfast this morning.

Mr. Ciardi will read from his poems at 3:30 P. M.
Sunday afternoon in the Lecture Hall.

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Sunday
August 26, 1956

No. 11

AFTERNOON

3:30 Mr. Ciardi will read from his poems in the Lecture
Hall.

EVENING LECTURE

8:00 Mr. Louis Lyons

DISCRETIONARY

Please do not take blankets out on the grass.

EMPTY FEED BAG

All conference members are warned again that the dining room will close with the noon meal on Wednesday and that rooms will not be available Wednesday night. Any Conference member in absolute distress as a result of this closing should contact Mr. Donovan at once.

PM NOT AM

To correct misinterpretation of bus schedules as revealed in departure slips: the 12:45 bus is for the early part of the afternoon, not for the small hours of the morning.

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Tuesday
August 28, 1956

No. 13

CLINICS

9:00 Short Story
10:15 Novel
11:30 William H. Upson: HUMOR IN FICTION
2:30 Poetry

BANQUET

6:30 The dining room will open this evening at six-thirty for the Conference Banquet. There will be brief after-dinner speaking.

FINAL PROGRAM TOMORROW

Tomorrow morning the final clinic will be held at ten-thirty. Members whose taxis leave during the morning should feel free to drop in on the meeting during the time at their disposal. Lunch will be served at 11:30.

LIBRARY BOOKS OVERDUE!

Will the following please return volumes borrowed:

ANDERSON	ROYER	LEVINE	JOHN WILSON
BOYER	SQUIRE		
BROGAN	SWARD	ADAMS, MISS	M. DICKIE
KARLSON	TREESE	MILLER, MERLE	
PHELPS	WHITE, ANN	SCHEMM, MRS.	

BILLS AT THE FRONT DESK

Bills for papers, telegrams, phone calls, etc., should be looked after by dinner time this evening.

DEPOSIT ENVELOPES

Please pick up deposit envelopes at the Front Desk by 8:00 this evening.

BOOKSTORE SALE!

15% off on all books!